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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS; WHITE HOUSE
FOR BRZEZINSKI; JERUSALEM FOR USDEL

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SUBJ: ISRAELI CABINET DECISIONS ON NEXT STEPS IN PEACE PROCESS

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1. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TELEPHONED ME AT 1340 HOURS
JAN 22 TO TELL ME OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN THIS
MORNING BY THE ISRAELI CABINET. HE SAID THAT THE
CABINET TOOK TWO DECISIONS, BOTH UNANIMOUSLY.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION IN THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE, BEGIN SAID THE CABINET DECIDED TO POSTPONE
WEIZMAN'S RETURN TO CAIRO UNTIL "THE ATMOSPHERE
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IMPROVES". HE SAID THAT THE CABINET DID NOT THINK
IT WAS A GOOD MOMENT FOR HIM TO RETURN IN THE
WAKE OF WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS SADAT'S "VICIOUS
ATTACK" ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN HIS SPEECH YESTERDAY.
HOWEVER, HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE CABINET WAS NOT
CLOSING ANY DOORS TO CONTINUE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
AND THAT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE ISSUE WILL BE RE-

CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET ON TUESSDAY. I ASKED HIM WHETHER IT WAS THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT WEIZMANN WOULD RETURN TO CAIRO BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR THE US ON THURSDAY. HE SAID "IT'S POSSIBLE; LET US SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP".

3. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE WORK ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, BEGIN SAID THE CABINET AGREED TO THE PROPOSAL THAT WORK SHOULD CONTINUE IN AN EFFORT TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON A DECLARATION THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE US.

4. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT GO INTO ANY DETAIL IT WAS CLEAR THAT PORTIONS OF SADAT'S SPEECH HAD PRODUCED A BAD IMPACT ON THE CABINET AND ON BEGIN PERSONALLY. I WOULD GUESS THAT IT WILL TAKE A PERIOD OF CONSIDERABLE LOWERED RHETORIC BEFORE WEIZMANN IS PERMITTED TO RETURN TO CAIRO, AND I DOUBT THAT IT WILL OCCUR BEFORE HE RETURNS FROM THE US. LEWIS

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